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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:	)	
William E. Vreeland	)	Examiner: Flores Sanchez, Omar
	)	
For: "Multi-Layered Comfort Strip"	)	Group Art Unit: 3724
	)	
Serial No.: 10/733,543	)	Our Docket No.: (6579-0074-1)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2006, having a shortened statutory period of response that expires on January 11, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the enclosed claim amendments, and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of the present response.